



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL (LSKIBA@DACCORDGROUP.COM)

Mr. Len Skiba  
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RE: Future Ronald McDonald House, 207/209/211 East Grand, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Skiba:

Thank you for your cooperation and your consent to allow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency access to the property at 211 East Grand Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. On Monday, November 11, 2009, Eugene Jablonowski, U.S. EPA Superfund Health Physicist, and I conducted a radiation survey in the basement of the four story brick building with the entry door address of 207 East Grand and the first floor of the two-story brick building that is to the east of the building with the outside address of 211 East Grand. We also checked the four test pits that had been dug by hand in the basement for foundation information. U.S. EPA used a Ludlum 2 x 2 sodium iodide detector that had been calibrated to the Streeterville clean-up criterion of 7.1 picoCuries per gram which equated to approximately 18,000 counts per minute (cpm). The results were unremarkable. The gamma counts generally ranged from 5,000 to 6,000 cpm. One area investigated read as high as 13,000 cpm. In our opinion, your building does not appear to be impacted by the Lindsay Light thorium contamination. Please send us your demolition schedule since we would like to take additional readings when the concrete floor is removed from the basement and survey the soils under the two story building.

Thank you again for your continued cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 886-3601 or Eugene Jablonowski, Health Physicist, at (312) 886-4591. Please direct legal questions to Cathleen Martwick, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-7166 or to Mary Fulghum, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-4683.

Sincerely,

Verneta Simon  
On-Scene Coordinator

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